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SUBJECT: ECEVIT COMMENT ON U.S.-TURK RELATIONS

GENEVA FOR HARTMAN

1. FOLLOWING MY POST MIDNIGHT MEETING AUG 10 WITH PM ECEVIT (SEPTEL), LATTER TOLD PRESS WE HAD DISCUSSED CYPRUS SITUATION, BUT HE THEN DEVOTED MOST OF HIS COMMENTS TO THE FACT THAT I HAD DELIVERED LETTERS FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT KORUTURK AND FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO FONMIN GUNES. HE SAID ESSENCE OF MESSAGES WAS THAT U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ESTABLISHED FOREIGN POLICIES AND THEY EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO U.S.-TURK RELATIONS AND FRIENDSHIP. ECEVIT COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER WAS WRITTEN IN SUCH A POSITION STYLE THAT IT WAS OF REAL VALUE TO HIM AND TO TURKEY.

2. IN AFTERNOON AUGUST 9, DURING A CONVERSATION ABOUT CYPRUS, A REPORTER ASKED ECEVIT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. AID CUTOFF. PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT SUBJECT RELATED TO QUITE DIFFERENT MATTER. HE SAID THAT SO FAR AS HE KNEW, USG REALIZED IMPORTANCE OF U.S.-TURK FRIENDSHIP AND "THEREFORE I AM NOT WORRIED".

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3. DURING THIS SAME AUGUST 9 MEETING WITH PRESS, ECEVIT SAID HE

HAD LISTENED "IN THEIR OWN WORDS" TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S RESIG-
NATION SPEECH AND PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS AFTER HE WAS SWORN IN.
BOTH GAVE HIM "FURTHER ASSURANCE".
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